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SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I move to bracket the bill till tomorrow, date certain and if that...that's my motion, tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I think we can work this out if we just give a little bit here. Senator Luedtke, can't we hear this in the morning? This is important to Senator Rasmussen. I don't think we should get sensitive perhaps just about one bill. I'm just trying to get along Senator Luedtke.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President, the thing of it is, if everybody has to start his bill out in the morning, we will be here till July. If you want to argue 5 and 10 minutes about who starts their bills at this time of the day...all that I'm saying is that these...you should start your bills out today. They will be on General File in a holding position and will be the first thing up on General File. He should start this bill out right now for a half an hour and continue tomorrow. That's what he should do. I don't know what is wrong with it. Why can't he introduce this bill and get started and quit wasting our time?

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, my suggestion would be that when we adjourn today, it be until Monday and then the Budget Committee will be through with its deliberations. Otherwise if you can't get a bill up in the morning, then there is going to be a call of the House and we know that a resentment is generated by that and that will automatically cause people to vote in the negative. So either we should meet only in the morning until Monday and that would...if we met in the morning until Monday, that would give the people who want to get out early...I know Senator Luedtke. But for the record...

PRESIDENT: We'll speak when we are recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we met in the morning, that would still check the days off and it would still give us a full compliment or enough people to get a vote to do something with a bill especially if it's controversial. Senator Rasmussen doesn't want his bill split up in the discussion. I don't want the death penalty split up as far as the discussion and I'm sure that other people who might have a controversial bill would feel the same way. If we have to stop for a call of the House and the Chair has to beg people to vote, we're not getting that much done with the time that we spend here anyway. So at the appropriate time and I'm just saying this now so when the motion is made, you'll understand what I'm going to move. I'm going to move at the appropriate time, after the business of the day is ended, that we adjourn until Monday morning and if you don't want to go that way, then we ought to vote to meet only in the morning for the rest of the week or until the Budget Committee is out of session.

PRESIDENT: The matter before us is Senator Rasmussen's motion to bracket this bill until tomorrow. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Sometimes I think it helps to break up discussion a little bit because the heat gets pretty hot and sometimes I'm always glad for the rest Senator Chambers. In any case,

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